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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Phillips Talbot  
Bureau of Near Eastern and  
South Asian Affairs  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Soviet Offer to Build Bokaro  
Steel Plant

1. I am enclosing for your information comments by our analysts on the recently announced Soviet offer to build the first stage of the Bokaro steel plant. An earlier memorandum on this subject is attached also.

2. Neither the Soviets nor the Indians are likely to be completely satisfied if the project goes through. The Soviets are going to be hard put, both financially and technologically, to put the kind of plant the Indians want; yet the finished plant will be something less than that originally designed by US Steel.

/S/

CHESTER L. COOPER  
Assistant Deputy Director  
Intelligence/Policy Support

Attachments:

1. "Soviet Capabilities to Support Expansion of India's Steel Industry," CIA/RR CB 63-70, dtd. 26 August 1963
2. "Soviet Offer to Build Bokaro Steel Plant," CIA/RR CB 64-32, dtd. May 1964

Copies of the above memorandum with attachments have been sent to Messrs. John McNaughton, Harriman, Rostow, U. A. Johnson, R. Davis, Phillips Talbot.

The documents listed as attachments have been given to Messrs. Amory, Klein, Komer, and Bator by Mr. Chester L. Cooper at the White House on 13 May.

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